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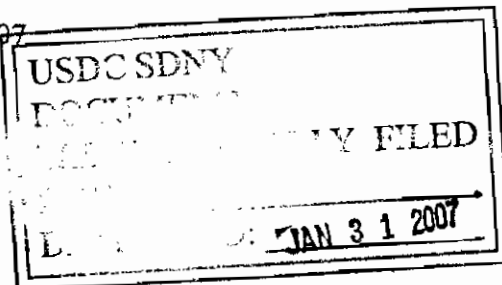
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The Honorable George B. Daniels
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Wilkens Rivera
07 Cr. 70 (GBD)

Honorable Judge Daniels:

The Court has scheduled the initial conference for the above-captioned matter for February 14, 2007 at 10:00 am and referred arraignment to Magistrate Court. The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that time be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act until the February 14 conference. Exclusion would serve the interests of justice because it would enable the Government to produce discovery and allow the parties to engage in plea discussions. Michael Hurwitz, Esq., counsel for the defendant, has consented to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED:

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